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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated October 30, 2008 and is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.